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Thursday, 7 August 1952

1. Cleared with Gen. Partridge the question of appointing an acting Chairman of the Watch Committee and also was informed by Partridge that his new Deputy G-2 would be a Gen. Willems, who is presently overseas.

25X1A9a 2. After being briefed by [REDACTED], I informed the Director 25X1A5a1
respecting the most recent developments in the [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1
tions and also informed him as to the [REDACTED]
executive involved. The Director indicated that he would pass this infor-
mation on to Undersecretary Bruce at his luncheon today. The Director
also requested that a commendation be given to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
25X1A6a [REDACTED] I later requested [REDACTED] to have such a commendation 25X1A8a
drafted and also informed him respecting the Director's intention to give the
information to Bruce. 25X1A9a

25X1A5a1 3. Informed the Director respecting my talk with Doc Matthews of
25X1A5a1 State regarding [REDACTED] trip to Moscow and the Director indicated that he 25X1A9a
would phone [REDACTED] tomorrow. Later made arrangements with [REDACTED] to
25X1A5a1 have [REDACTED] briefed by O/RR in a safe house so that he will not have to come
to CIA. An appropriate briefing memorandum will be prepared for the DCI by
tomorrow morning.

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5. At the Deputies' meeting, Mr. Dulles expressed the view that the situation in Nepal was rapidly deteriorating and he expected that it would be taken over by the Communists within a short time.

25X1A9a 6. Notified the Director that a draft reply to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
recent memorandum on the Loomis study was available, in preparation for
his talk with [REDACTED] The DCI, in a meeting attended by Gen. Bolling and
Gen. Weckerling, requested my recommendations as to the Chairman of the
Watch Committee. Although Bolling and Weckerling recommended appointment
25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] I temporized and 25X1A5a1
obtained agreement that [REDACTED] would be appointed as acting Chairman.
25X1A5a1 I felt that [REDACTED] would be an excellent permanent Chairman but felt
that we could wait a while on this.

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7. Later sent to the Director an acceptance of Weckerling's resignation and designation of [REDACTED] as acting Chairman. At Bolling's

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suggestions, I recommended that copies of this memorandum be sent to Pace and Collins.

8. At the request of the DCI, Gen. Bolling outlined to me the Army position on the Brownell Committee Report. Apparently they are making only two objections, as follows:

- a. The Brownell Committee recommended that the coordinator be given command of all interception units. Army suggested that this be qualified by the proviso that the Service affected would have a chance to object and if no agreement could be reached the matter could be referred to USCIB for final determination. I indicated that we would support this position and I felt that the Director would go along. Gen. Bolling indicated that the Director had indicated generally that he would go along.

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- b. Army was opposed to any new [REDACTED] I stated that as Kingman Douglass and I had indicated to him at a recent meeting, CIA was fully in accord with the Army on this position (in fact, it might be a little ahead).

Gen. Bolling informed me that the Air Force position was substantially the same as Army's, although more objection might be raised by Navy.

9. Gen. Samford called to inform me that Gen. Walsh had seen his draft of the summary evaluation and they still hoped to have the paper in such time as to render unnecessary any Progress Report to the NSC. I indicated that we would hold up action until we had heard from him.

10. Cleared with Adm. Stout and Fisher Howe of State the appointment of an acting Chairman of the Watch Committee.

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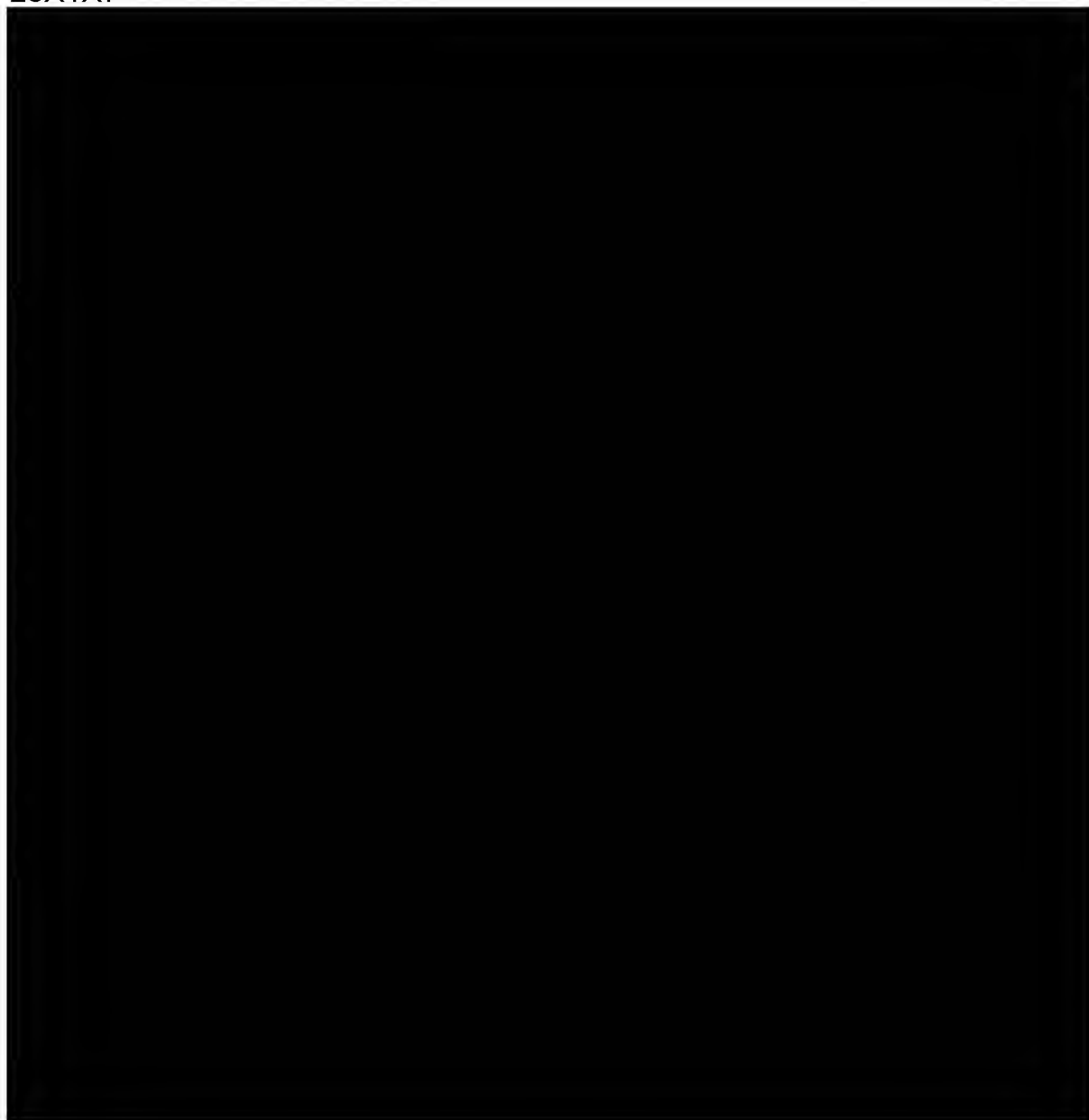
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25X1A5a1 12. Gen. Roberts of MSA phoned to inquire as to the status of the intelligence support of [REDACTED]. I indicated that my most recent communication from [REDACTED] indicated that the arrangement was satisfactory.

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25X1C5b 13. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] informed me that one of the 25X1C5b [REDACTED] desired to defect. I stated that I would be glad to call [REDACTED] to notify him on this, but felt that it would be entirely appropriate for [REDACTED] to do so directly. 25X1A9a

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14. Lunched with Dr. Craig of PSB and covered the following topics:

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25X1A9a a. With respect to [REDACTED] and I agreed that he 25X1A9a
would no longer be put directly in contact with this Agency. Any
25X1A9a request for intelligence support from [REDACTED] would be transmitted
25X1A9a exclusively through [REDACTED] and if [REDACTED] had any objections, 25X1A5a1
25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] would refer him to me. Each of the Offices should be
advised that if [REDACTED] appears, he is to be referred directly to me.

25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] informed me that Tracy Barnes would probably see the
Director and request an SI clearance for [REDACTED] I shall prepare 25X1A5a1
a memorandum to advise the Director of this possibility. This
channel is entirely incorrect, since a written request should be
made through normal channels.

25X1A9a c. 25X1A9a
25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] informed me that rather than phoning him respecting
25X1A9a [REDACTED] had called [REDACTED] I later called 25X1A9a
this to the attention of [REDACTED] who undertook to speak to [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

25X1A9a d. 25X1A5a1
[REDACTED] asked whether [REDACTED] could talk with some of
our people on the problem of cancellation. I indicated that
would be satisfactory with me and undertook to see whether
25X1A9a Sherman Kent and [REDACTED] of O/NE and [REDACTED] and 25X1A9a
25X1A9a [REDACTED] of O/CI could talk to [REDACTED] who is a different 25X1A5a1
breed of cat from [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1

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15. [REDACTED] of PSB phoned and stated that a PSB paper calling
for certain intelligence support had been referred to DD/P's offices, which
felt that such support would best be furnished by the overt offices of CIA.
I suggested that the paper be bucked to me, since we could not make an
intelligent decision without seeing the paper.

16. Phoned Dr. Kent, AD/NE, and stated that after reviewing our
study of foreign travel, I felt that we had been unjust to O/NE in not
fostering in that Office a foreign familiarization program comparable to
that presently in force in O/CI. I suggested that they plan for such a
program, which might relate to the O/CI program by number of individuals,
etc., in the rough relation of T/Os, and also stated that I would be
receptive to suggestions for sabbatical leaves for members of the O/NE
board or staff for study at foreign institutions. Dr. Kent undertook to
follow through on this.

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25X1A9a 17. Mr. Sheldon spoke to me as to his plans for the Ad Hoc P/T Committee and I approved same. Mr. Sheldon informed me of a possible security question arising in connection with a secretary in his office and we discussed what should be done with [REDACTED]. After some consideration, it was determined that the individual in question should be put under surveillance at once in view of the highly sensitive material arriving in that particular unit. I shall inform the Director.

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25X1D0a 18. Mr. Sheldon informed me that on the basis of intelligence [REDACTED] it was believed that the Viet Minh representatives have been gaining access to the US military weekly roundup, [REDACTED]

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